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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FROM ARAB MARITIME TRAINING ACADEMY(AMTA)

REF: (A) CAIRO 14565; (B) ALEXANDRIA 0835; (C) ALEXANDRIA
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1. REFTEL (A) - FACULTY ASSISTANCE FOR THE AMTA - OES
TRANSFERRED ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR FACULTY TO CU ON
SEPT. 2. THIS IS THE FIRST THAT CU HAS BEEN INFORMED OF
THE REQUEST AND OBVIOUSLY THE ACTION CAME AFTER MONTHS OF
ATTEMPTS ON PART OF OES TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM
THAT NO USG AGENCY, INCLUDING CU, IS EQUIPPED TO UNDERTAKE
SUCH SPECIALIZED RECRUITING. THE MOST EFFECTIVE COURSE OF
ACTION FOR AMTA SEEMS TO BE THE ONE THAT THEY ARE ALREADY
FOLLOWING, WHICH IS TO BE IN DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE
HEADS OF THE MARITIME SCHOOLS IN THE U.S. IF IT WOULD BE
OF HELP, THE CU PROGRAM OFFICER IS PREPARED TO WRITE A
LETTER OF SUPPORT TO EACH SCHOOL. ADVISE.

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2. REFTEL (B) - REQUEST FOR EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION - AS
POST AWARE, MOST PUBLIC RELATIONS COURSES IN THE U.S. ARE
INTEGRATED INTO GENERAL COURSES ON COMMUNICATIONS. THERE
ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS IN COMMUNICATIONS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN D.C. AND
SEVERAL OTHERS. BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT IN A POSI-

TION TO IDENTIFY ALL SUCH PROGRAMS, WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS ON FEES, ATTENDANCE, ETC., WE HAVE ASKED CAPTAIN A.E. FIORE OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY (SEE BELOW) TO ADVISE THE AMTA ON THIS MATTER DURING HIS PROPOSED TRIP. ALTERNATIVELY, AMTA MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT WITH AMIDEAST STAFF ON SELECTED SCHOOLS AND REQUIREMENTS.

3. REFTEL (C) - U.S. MARITIME ACADEMY EXCHANGE VISIT - IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT, MR. ROBERT J. BLACKWELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS, HAS WRITTEN GIVING HIS APPROVAL OF A VISIT TO AMTA BY CAPTAIN A.E. FIORE OF THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY FOR 8-10 DAYS IN OCTOBER. QUOTE HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF BUDGET RESTRAINTS, EXPENSES OF TRAVEL FOR CAPTAIN FIORE WOULD HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPER FUNDS TRANSFER COMPLETED BEFORE HIS TRAVEL CAN BE AUTHORIZED. END QUOTE. WOULD POST PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ARRANGEMENT AGREEABLE TO AMTA. VANCE

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